

**APPENDIX A**  
**PROPOSED COUNT**

A method for suppressing an allergic response to an antigen in a mammal susceptible to an allergic reaction to said antigen which stimulates production of allergy-associated IgE antibodies in the mammal, comprising parenterally co-administering to the mammal

(a) an effective amount of an immunostimulatory nucleic acid in a plasmid, said immunostimulatory nucleic acid comprising 5'CG3', wherein C is unmethylated, and

(b) an effective amount of the antigen provided as the antigen *per se* or as a polynucleotide encoding the antigen

OR

A method for desensitizing a subject against the occurrence of an allergic reaction in response to contact with a particular allergen, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an immunostimulatory nucleic acid, comprising:

5'X<sub>1</sub>CGX<sub>2</sub>3'

wherein the immunostimulatory nucleic acid includes at least 8 nucleotides and wherein C is unmethylated and wherein X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>2</sub> are nucleotides and an effective amount of the allergen.